



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
at 11.05AM on Tuesday 18th July 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Terry Westerway, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Nick Proskurin, Gordon Malcolm, Ian Amos, Bob Billiards, Merv Nairn, Ron Mason
Apologies: Paul Dickson, Vic Danko Jim Fitzgerald, Des McGuiggan, Ged Carroll, and some State Reps.

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| Welcome | Chairman, VP Bert Blink (with Mary, from Canberra ACT), opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present especially those who travel great distances to attend, Ron and Margaret Mason (Vic) and Gordon Malcolm (NSW central Coast). | |
| Item 1 | Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below. | |
| Item 2 | Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: NIL. Moved Allen Morley Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted | |
| Item 3 | Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the Radar and will be covered below. Moved Allen Morley Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted | |
| Item 4 | <p>Financial Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer circulated the Current Bank Statement showing the balance at the bank and confirmed that funds had been lodged as a Term Deposit as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 129 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 7 Total 137</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 24 members Deceased 4 Members</p> <p>Renewal reminders are being circulated to ALL locators who have held membership.</p> <p>No major expenditure is in prospect.</p> | |

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| Item 5 | <p>Presidents report. Allen advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSTAA meeting on Sunday last but he was unable to attend. Unfortunately other members who have attended in the past were also unable to attend on this occasion. • A recent DVA Media Release changed the conditions relating to some pension applicants regarding proof of employment conditions. Allen was advised direct by DVA that he may be affected. An item will be placed in Eyes & Ears to highlight the change and to alert other member’s who may be eligible to make a claim under these changed conditions. • Vietnam Veterans Day on Friday 18th August at Bankstown Sports club is fast approaching. Information and registration is available here http://www.vvfagranville.org/2017%20julmag%20VVD.pdf • 1/83rd Arty reunion in the US of A will be held in San Antonio Texas. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 6 | <p>2018 Locator Reunion QLD For full information and registration details please complete the form available from our website link at : http://www.131locators.org.au/news-events/notice-board.html</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 7 | <p>Public Officer Report. Vic is currently overseas.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 8 | <p>Webmaster Update. Bob has supplied stats this morning at 8.50A.M.and is amazed at the world wide interest in items referring to our association.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 9 | <p>General Business Radar Moves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Mason has been advised by John Methuen from the Museum that they are very keen to get their hands on the Radar. It is still in storage in Sydney awaiting space to be transported and for refurbishment to begin by the Museums restorers. Their current project is expected to be completed in Sep/Oct and work on the Radar will commence shortly after. • In line with Museums’ option this Association will cover the cost of a revolving pictorial display to supplement the display. • It was suggested that an audio file be requested from the OCs who worked with the Radar outlining some of the successes they achieved with the equipment including the role of survey and the groundbreaking methods used. This would augment the “audio trail” that the Museum utilizes and give first hand experiences. • Acquisition of a Curta Mechanical calculator was suggested and model details are being collected and availability and cost is being researched. • Nick provided the meeting with a full mock up of the Banner we had proposed (see last minutes for a picture). The project will proceed to final draft stage and costs for a 2m and 1.4m banner established. • Sec/Treas tabled his request for reimbursement of his “office expenses“ (Ink, Paper, Postage cost for Newsletters and merchandise for last 12 months - \$222 was approved for reimbursement). • A re-supply of 50 caps have been received at a cost of the Assn of \$558.25 • Ian Amos advised that helpers are required to pack and post the Newsletter produced by Granville branch of the VVAA. The work involves placing the newsletter into a plastic posting sleeve for dispatch. The next date will be Dec 2017 and the time required is 3hrs per day over 2/3 days. • A wreath on behalf of the Association was purchased (\$140) for the funeral of David Newbold, Brother of Ernest Newbold , a fellow committee member. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Item 10 | <p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>August 15th 2017 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176 http://canleyheightsrsl.com.au/#</p> <p>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Assn Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p> | |
| Item 11 | Meeting Closed 12.10 PM due to arrival of Pizzas. | |
| | Signed Bert Blink | Meeting Chairman |

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2017 Prior Action Items

1. The following projects have been deferred. **Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 2. Photo Album Project
 3. Radar Move to Philip Island
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- **Photo Album project.** This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served in SVN and to achieve its aim we require the help of all vets. Unlike the photos that appear in Eyes & Ears which are reduced in size, we will require BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY photos that will make the final cut. This project will represent the entire period of 131's involvement in the SVN conflict and will be a heritage item so each photo will need a full description.
 - The committee is requesting the BEST pictures you have of Orderly Rm, Tpt Office. Raeme and Radar and LP sites (showing different modifications over time): Equipment used- Bearing Boards, Sound Ranging, Sensors etc. incl. details of how, when, where and why. (Radar. Starlight scopes, firearms, Transport modes {vehicular, airlift by chopper}:Aircraft used for deployments to FSBs and in close support roles bird dogs, etc
 - Pics of the US Arty guns in support units 1/83rd and 2/35th: pics of liaison with ARVN personnel and positions.
 - We will be looking for help from Personnel from each year/Corp to help with names and position identifications to ensure accuracy.
 - We need YOUR INPUT!

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

- Adelaide Reunion 2017
- Marysville book prize instituted